

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 10-15 have been canceled. Claims 10-15 are drawn to a non-elected invention and are canceled without prejudice since a divisional application may be filed. Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been amended. The changes made to the claims by the current amendment are attached hereto in a page entitled, "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made." Claims 1 and 3-9 remain pending. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application, as amended, are requested.

Applicants reminds the Examiner that the present Action is the first action on this case and is not final as marked in the "Official Action Summary", PTO-326.

Applicants affirm the election of claims 1-9; without traverse.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 5-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Kawaguchi et al.* The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP58004248. The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP08203455. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2. The indicated rejections are moot.

The Examiner rejected claims 2-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious on consideration of *Kawaguchi et al.*

*Kawaghuchi* discloses an adhesive tape for preventing implosion of a cathode ray tube. The tape includes a backing, a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer on one side of the backing and a hot-melt adhesive layer on the opposite side of the backing.

Claim 1, as amended, specifies open spaces between the yarns. Claim 1 requires the hot-melt resin to be provided on only the surfaces of the yarns and also for the pressure-sensitive adhesive to be provided on only the surfaces of the yarns on a side of the first main surface of the fabric. [The hot-melt resin and the pressure-sensitive adhesive do not continuously cover the entire surface of the tape and have opening above or below the open surfaces of the fabric.] The total volume of the hot-melt resin and the pressure-sensitive adhesive is less than the volume of the open spaces of the fabric. In this way, the hot-melt resin and the pressure-sensitive adhesive

can be incorporated into the open spaces of the fabric when the adhesive mesh tape is clamped between a cathode-ray tube and a metal clamping band.

*Exhibit A*

*Kawaguchi et al.* disclose in Figure 6 and in the specification discussion of Figure 6 at column 3, lines 50-53 a continuous pressure-sensitive adhesive layer 22 and a continuous hot-melt adhesive layer 23 on opposite sides of a backing cloth. All of the examples of *Kawaguchi et al.* disclose a volume of pressure-sensitive adhesive and hot-melt adhesive, if calculated, which more than fills any space that there might be between fabric yarns. There is no motivation in *Kawaguchi et al.* to do invention of the adhesive mesh tape of claim 1. Mr. Kawaguchi is the inventor of the present invention. *Kawaguchi et al.* does not disclose or point to or motivate in any way hot-melt resin and pressure-sensitive adhesive which do not continuously cover an entire surface of the tape and have openings above or below open surfaces of the fabric such that the total volume of the hot-melt resin and the pressure-sensitive adhesive is less than the volume of the open spaces of the fabric. Claim 1 and the claims which depend from it are not obvious in view of *Kawaguchi et al.*

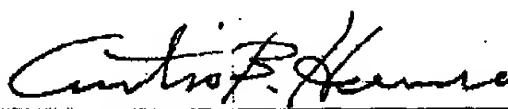
In view of the above it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested. Allowance of claims 1 and 3-9 at an early date is solicited.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE****In the Claims**

Claims 2 and 10-15 have been canceled.

Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) An adhesive mesh tape for preventing implosion of a cathode-ray tube, comprising:

a fabric of yarns in the form of mesh having first and second main surfaces and having open spaces between the yarns;

a hot-melt resin provided on all or a portion of the [surface] surfaces of the yarns of said fabric; and

a pressure-sensitive adhesive [disposed] provided on the surfaces of the yarns of said fabric on a side of said first main surface of said fabric;

wherein said hot-melt resin and said pressure-sensitive adhesive do not continuously cover the entire surface of said tape and have openings above or below said open spaces of said fabric and wherein the total volume of said hot-melt resin and said pressure- sensitive adhesive is less than the volume of the open spaces of said fabric, so that all said hot- melt resin and said pressure-sensitive adhesive can be incorporated into said open spaces of said fabric when said adhesive mesh tape is clamped between a cathode-ray tube and a metal clamping band.

3. (Amended) The adhesive mesh tape according to claim [2] 1, wherein the total volume of said hot-melt resin and said pressure-sensitive adhesive is not more than three fourths of the volume of the open [space] spaces of said fabric.

4. (Amended) The adhesive mesh tape according to claim 3, wherein the total volume of said hot-melt resin and said pressure-sensitive adhesive is not more than [the] half of the volume of the open [space] spaces of said fabric.